



# PROVERB II.

*A good Beginning makes a good  
Ending:*

**E**VERY Thing has two Handles, and it is a Concern of the last Importance to take hold of the right. Almost every one errs in this Particular, and there is no Character but what is injured by the Mistake. Every individual Thing, in all the Affairs of Life, moves or turns well or ill, as it has been pitched and directed in the Beginning. To miss the first Step in Business, is an Opportunity lost for ever. Though Multitudes charge Providence with the Cause of their Miscarriage, yet there are very few but may place their own Folly at the Foot of the Account, and may ascribe their Ruin to some Mismanagement in

the Enterance of their Affairs: In order therefore, that you may the better accomplish Ends which you propose, with Honour and pause,

Weigh well your Strength,  
Your Fortune and Design;  
Too rash Attempts,  
Lest you repent, decline:  
Consult some wary,  
Some ingenious Friend;  
And for Success  
On Providence depend.

